



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, January is commemorated as "National Blood Donor
3 Month"; and

4 WHEREAS, Every three seconds in this country someone will
5 need blood; and

6 WHEREAS, A single trauma patient can use well over 100
7 units of blood; and

8 WHEREAS, A single blood donation can save up to three
9 lives; and

10 WHEREAS, Blood only has a shelf life of 42 days; and

11 WHEREAS, Blood is not only needed in times of disaster but
12 on a constant basis to treat everyday people; and

13 WHEREAS, Cancer patients are the biggest user group of
14 blood followed by use in treatment of neonatal, dialysis, burn
15 victims, and heart disease; and

16 WHEREAS, Blood is required in every organ transplant; and

17 WHEREAS, Less than 5% of the eligible population actually
18 donates blood; and

19 WHEREAS, Community blood centers rely 100% on donations
20 from volunteer donors in order to maintain a safe and viable
21 blood supply; and

22 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the importance of
23 blood donation through the Blood Donation Act, the Employee
24 Blood Donation Leave Act, and the Organ Donor Leave Act;
25 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we name the month of January as "Blood Donor Month"; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That anyone who has never donated blood but is
6 eligible to is urged to step up to the challenge and become a
7 first time donor; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That those who have donated blood are urged to
9 become regular donors; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That all Illinoisans are urged to pay tribute to
11 those among us who donate for others in need; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers.